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CIO STEALS BACK WAGES FROM TIP TOP WORKERS

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Aero Mayflower Drivers Win \$180,752 Boost in Pay

WLB Grants Road Expenses of \$1.50 a Day

Controversy With Trucking Company Ends Victori- ously for Local 193

Nearly five months of intensified effort by Local Union No. 193 to obtain wage increases and road expenses for drivers employed by the Aero Mayflower Transit Company has ended triumphantly with the War Labor Board's Trucking Commission giving approval to the requests of the local.

A recent order of the commission made it possible for 228 drivers employed by the company to collect a total of \$38,136 in back pay and road expenses. The order will increase the total yearly earnings of the 228 men by about \$180,752.

Total To Be Huge

Because the company plans additional hiring to bring its crew of drivers up to a normal total of 280 men, the order probably will serve to increase the total earnings of the crew by more than \$200,000.

The commission granted the drivers salary jumps of 15 per cent and road expenses of \$1.50 a day. The company had agreed to the 15 per cent increase in wages, but had refused to grant the road expenses.

Hearing Was Held

Negotiations between the local and the company became deadlocked December 3, 1942, and the dispute was referred to the War Labor Board. A hearing on the question of whether road expenses should be paid was held in Indianapolis February 20 with Landis P. O'Brien of Washington, D. C., employers' representative on the Trucking Commission, in charge.

Both the local and the company submitted briefs and counter-briefs to the Trucking Commission. The local contended that the road expenses, covering lodging, meals and other items, should be granted in consideration of the fact that many of the drivers are required to be on the road con-

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Local No. 188 Brings Prosperity To Indiana Condensed Milk Co.

SHERIDAN, Ind.—Prosperous days have come to the Indiana Condensed Milk Company in Sheridan since the employees of the company became members of Indianapolis Local Union No. 188 less than a year ago.

A new cement floor has replaced the old wood basement floor, and two employees do nothing but paint the building. The inside of the building has a white ceiling with gray walls.

The company has purchased new uniforms for each of the employees. The uniforms include white shirts and blue pants for workers in the canning department, garage and receiving room, and blue shirts and blue pants for workers in the shop.

Boots and overshoes also are provided for employees who need them, and the company is paying the premium on health and accident insurance policies of the workers.

The entire efficient, prosperous picture at the company's plant provides proof that the employees have helped the company as well as themselves by joining the Teamsters' Union.



You have to be plenty tough to work in the boiler room at the Indiana Condensed Milk Company's plant at Sheridan. Ralph Ottinger, one of the boiler room employees, is shown above in a tough pose. We thought it was Popeye at first.

Wage Jumps and Closed Shop Given to Workers of Standard Grocery Co.

The War Labor Board's Trucking-Commission has approved a contract between Local No. 233 and the Standard Grocery Company, giving wage increases, work week guarantees, a closed shop, a check-off system, and vacations with pay to 25 drivers and 32 warehousemen.

The approval, coming nearly six months after the contract had been approved by the local and the company, will result in the paying of back wages approximating \$100 to each of the employees.

Under the contract, the drivers will receive a wage jump of from 72½ to 77½ cents per hour and will be guaranteed 48 hours of work each week, with time and one-half for the final eight hours. The warehousemen will get a wage increase of from 67½ to 72½ cents per hour and a work week guarantee of 46 hours, with time and one-half pay after 40 hours.

Brother Paul Page, president, and Brother Ernest Crickmore, secretary of the local, who negotiated the contract, praised

the employees for having exercised great patience in waiting nearly half a year for the WLB approval. All of the men are greatly pleased with the decision reached, they said.

Negotiations between the local and the company were started last October 1, the contract was signed by both parties October 14, and it became effective October 15. The negotiations were friendly throughout, Brother Page and Brother Crickmore reported.

The Trucking Commission, in handing down its decision, said that the wage increases granted were designed to correct inter-plant inequalities.



Vincennes, Flora Creamery Employees to Ballot Soon; Will Remember \$50 Losses

With NLRB Election Looming, Agitators Are Buying
Beer for Some of the Workers,
But Not \$50 Worth

VINCENNES, Ind.—On March 15th, 1943, the NLRB at Washington, D. C., issued a decision and an order of election on the petition of the CIO to establish the collective bargaining agent for employees of the Tip Top Creamery at Vincennes, and one of its branches at Flora, Ill.

In spite of the proven fact that the International Brotherhood of Teamsters had put in five years of hard work to organize the Tip Top Creamery and its eleven branches, the NLRB at Indianapolis readily co-operated with about five dissatisfied, selfish and union-office-seeking creamery employees who had secured about 44 names on a petition for an election.

Although there are approximately 140 employees at the Vincennes and Flora plants, the NLRB at Indianapolis, through its field representative, Virginia M. McElroy, agreed to recognize the 44 signatures as sufficient to warrant an election, because Teamsters Local No. 417 of Vincennes had a two-year closed shop agreement.

No Election Warranted

It mattered nothing to the NLRB at Indianapolis that all of the union employees at the Tip Top Creamery fought for, and, by a free, secret, democratic ballot, voted for the closed shop; the board simply contended that the very thing the union employees had put into effect, could now be used against them to force an election where no election was warranted or properly sought for. In other words, they agreed that 44 signatures out of a total of 140 workers was a small amount, but because these 44 signatures were supposedly secured under a closed-shop agreement they automatically became a sufficient number to warrant an election.

These are just a few of the highlights that form the background of the election soon to be held at Vincennes. The one outstanding thing that has practically cinched the election for Teamsters' Local 417 is the terrific loss in actual dollars and cents this un-American CIO raid has occasioned the union employees at the Vincennes and Flora plants as well as the employees in ten other branches.

Company Obligated

During the latter part of August, 1942, Teamsters' Local No. 417 at Vincennes complained to the management of Tip Top Creamery that the wage rates in effect at the creamery were too low and as a result many of the union's members were forced to seek better paying jobs. The company officials saw the merit of the Teamsters' contention and mutually agreed to re-open the existing agreement which had until February 10, 1943, to run.

The Tip Top Creamery at first offered a flat 10 per cent increase, but the Teamsters' union held out for a 30 per cent increase. The company then

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LOCAL 144 GIFT OF \$1,500 AIDS AIRPORT PROJECT

TERRE HAUTE, Ind.—Demonstrating an awareness of the important role which aviation appears destined to play in the post-war world, members of Terre Haute Local Union No. 144 have contributed \$1,500 towards the construction of a new city airport here.

The gift was one of several made by organized labor to help finance the building of the airport. In making their gift, Teamsters said they felt certain that the airport would be a highly valuable asset to their community in the years to come.

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Help Win the Food Battle

America needs millions of Victory Gardens in 1943.

One of the most important struggles of this war will be "the battle of food." We must provide sufficient food for our fighting forces, for our allies, and for ourselves if we are to be victorious.

It has become a public duty, as well as a private necessity, for everyone who can find the time and the garden space to grow at least part of the vegetables needed for his family.

Every would-be gardener should remember, though, that a garden must be carefully planned and properly cared for if it is to be successful. It is wasteful and unwise to devote energy, seeds, fertilizer, and tools to gardening under conditions where success is doubtful.

But there is no limit to the number of successful gardens that are needed. Vegetables that are easily grown can furnish a good share of the vitamins and minerals that Americans need every day to keep physically fit.

And it's a lot of fun to plant and care for a Victory Garden, too. The most enjoyment comes, of course, when you start reaping the results of your efforts. Nothing tastes better than fresh vegetables from your own garden.

We Are Fighting Back

Organized labor, while carrying forward its all-out efforts to help win the war, is not forgetting that it has enemies at home as well as abroad.

Labor is greatly concerned about the fact that several members of Congress, who boast that they are patriotic, are waving a flag with one hand and are trying to use the other hand to stab labor in the back.

These senators and congressmen have shown that they are much more interested in attacking America's labor movement than they are in whipping the Axis nations.

Actions speak much louder than words, and members of labor unions have shown through their actions that they have but one goal—the crushing defeat of the marauding powers which seek to abolish freedom from the world.

Labor will continue to give complete cooperation to the nation's war effort, and, in doing so, it will do its best to defend itself against the vicious attacks made by labor haters.

Daniel J. Tobin, the general president of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, is taking a leading role in efforts of labor to resist the attacks.

In a recent article in *The International Teamster*, he exposed the motives behind recent shouts by congressmen for legislation requiring an accounting of labor's financial transactions, and contended that no labor union should be required to disclose its financial strength or weaknesses to its enemies.

In another article, he pointed to possible rejection by labor of the Democratic party in 1944 unless some of its members in Congress cease their attacks on labor. He emphasized, too, that the Republican party will have little chance of returning to power unless it is guided by the expressions and actions of men who are friends of labor.

All members of organized labor will give vigorous support to the stands taken by Mr. Tobin. There is a general awareness of the fact that if the attacks on labor are not beaten back, many of the progressive steps taken in recent years to protect working men and women will be wiped out, and that disunity will be created in a nation that must be united if it is to be victorious.

Evansville Taxi Drivers Are Granted Pay Raise

EVANSVILLE, Ind.—The War Labor Board has sanctioned a salary increase for members of Taxi Drivers' Local Union No. 11, officials of the local have been advised.

EARLY RISER

Rumor has it that the president of Local No. 716 reaches his office each morning before daylight, but that he doesn't start work until about 8 a. m. Wonder who gets him up so early?

NEWS AND REMARKS FROM EVANSVILLE

By C. B. BIRDSONG

LOCAL NO. 215 MEETS AT 2:30 P. M. ON THE FIRST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH IN THE LABOR TEMPLE, EVANSVILLE, IND.

Our construction work is going good now, and the boys are making "hay" while the sun shines.

We are trying to find a pair of field glasses for D. W. Annis, our business representative, so that he will be able to tell the difference between a truck and a bulldozer. He seems to think that everything that moves and makes dust is a truck. His alibi for taking a ride on a bulldozer the other day was that he wanted to save his tires. Or could it have been that he wanted to save shoe leather?

Charley, our office boy, took his examination for the army on April 12. I don't know what Mike Angel will do now for a piano player when he gets in the singing mood, and that is sure to happen about every three months. Good luck, Charles. We all will miss you, especially John Feast.

The writer is getting to bed early these nights and is sticking strictly to pure water. Why? Well, Director Dexter Lewis has brought about, through the Central States Drivers' Council, a back pay settlement for the Hancock drivers. It looks like a big party is in the making, and I want to be in condition. I want to take this opportunity to thank Brother Lewis on behalf of the boys for his splendid job.

Brother George Berfanger, our very able truck foreman on the "graveyard shift" at the shipyard, has joined the "Seabees." Good luck, George. Several of our members have had their examinations and will be called up soon. They are sure to make good in the army, just as our members who already are in service are doing.

The writer has just had his teeth pulled. No, it's not old age—just bad teeth. And I don't want to hear too many wise cracks from that little skinny guy in the northern part of the state. I think they call it the "State of Lake."

BUY WAR BONDS!

TRUTH TO BE TOLD ABOUT LABOR FOR WELCOME CHANGE

At a mass meeting which was to be held the night of April 15 in Indianapolis, the truth was to be told about labor's record in the nation's war program.

Wendell Lund, head of the War Production Board's labor division, was among several speakers who were to give strong replies to the unwarranted attack made against the labor movement here recently by Eddie Rickenbacker.

The other speakers were to include Governor Henry F. Schricker, a Navy hero from a torpedoed ship, and a soldier from one of the battlefronts. The servicemen, both of whom hold union cards and say that Rickenbacker was not speaking for them when he talked here, were to tell what they think about the work being done by America's soldiers of production.

The meeting was arranged by the Indianapolis United Labor Committee for Victory, an organization representing all labor unions in the city. The committee was formed immediately after Rickenbacker's recent talk. Brother Emmett J. Williams, president of Indianapolis Joint Council of Teamsters No. 69, is a member of the committee. He was selected to arrange entertainment for Mr. Lund and Governor Schricker prior to the mass meeting.

Morgan Co. Trucks Fail to Halt War Bond Buying of Teamsters

MUNCIE, Ind.—With their eyes tightly closed, members of Local Union No. 300 handed over money to purchase war bonds to help finance the purchase of the new U. S. S. Vincennes here recently.

The Teamsters were tempted to defer their bond purchases for a day or so when they took a look at the large semi-trailer trucks that accompanied the "navalcade" and the replica Vincennes on a statewide bond-selling drive. The trucks were owned by the Morgan Packing Company of Austin.

But patriotism, a desire to help win the war as quickly as possible, and a yearning to show Tojo a

Hoosier ship that won't stay sunk, triumphed. The Teamsters held back a desire to do something drastic, and purchased war bonds and stamps with every dollar they could find in their pockets.

Brother D. E. Mahoney, secretary-treasurer and business agent of Local No. 300, expressed the sentiments of the local members as follows:

"Ivan C. Morgan is pulling for applause like the old ham vaudeville actor who used to wave the American flag after his bum act, but we went ahead and bought bonds, anyway. Tojo first; Morgan later."

FREE SPEECH IS OUR LIFE BLOOD

By RUTH TAYLOR

Free speech is the life blood of the Republic of the United States. From the Bill of Rights to the Four Freedoms, it has been a symbol of democracy, so completely an accepted right, that we come to take it for granted.

We could not fully realize the existence of the totalitarian regimes because we could not sense a nation without the right to "speak out." Dictators always gag the people and stifle the opposition just as quickly as possible. Without free speech no man knows the ambitions or ideals motivating his neighbor and fear keeps him quiescent under the tyrant's sway. The abolition of free speech preceded by just a moment the enslavement of man.

But how may we preserve free speech?

If speech is free, if free speech is to be desired enough to fight for it, if its loss is one of the greatest a nation can suffer, we should cherish it and use it wisely—for free speech is a responsibility as well as a right. Free speech must be true speech. Free speech means the right to disagree and to state the reason for dissent, without recourse to slanderous abuse and all men frown upon demagogic shrieks of hatred.

While we fight to protect freedom of speech, we should not employ that freedom in the tactics of the enemy, destroying unity by sniping at each other. No one group, whether it be of class, employment, state or section, of race, national origin or of religion, should carry free speech to extremes. If one side does it, the other side is not justified in following suit. Free speech should not mean mud slinging.

Liberty must never degenerate into license; freedom of assembly must never end in mob rule; and free speech must never lower itself to vituperative slander of those with whom we are not in accord or against any group of our population. If we so misuse free speech, we sink to the depths of depravity of the Nazis who are trying to wipe out a religion, as of the Jews—or a nation as of the Poles whom the latest decree refuses to recognize as "human beings" or as "fellow Christians."

Free speech should only be exercised by free people—those of mature thought who have learned self-restraint, who can study the facts, weigh the source and then state their own position clearly and calmly—ready to listen as well as speak, open-minded to arguments but not willing to compromise with intolerance.

More Bond Buying Is Needed

The second war loan campaign is under way.

Every American is being asked to dig deep into his pockets this month to buy war bonds—above and beyond the bonds he regularly purchases—to help finance the gigantic offensives that must be launched if we are to win this war.

The United States Treasury estimates that current war spending approximates \$6,000,000,000 a month. A total of \$13,000,000,000 is being sought in the second war loan drive. This amount, plus current monthly bond purchases, taxes and other revenue, will finance the war for about three months.

And the drive has another purpose—to drain off current surplus income into war bond savings to avoid inflation. Inflation today has forced prices in Chungking, China, up to 60 or 80 times their pre-war levels in some kinds of goods. We must prevent such a thing from happening in America.

The way to get the war over with at the earliest possible moment and to strike at inflation is to buy war bonds with every dollar that we possibly can spare.

Attention, Teamsters

THE INDIANA TEAMSTER is your newspaper. If you know of news that will be of interest to other Teamsters of Indiana, send the items to the secretary of your local, or to whoever has been designated by your local to serve as a reporter for the newspaper.

THE INDIANA TEAMSTER is more than anxious to receive information about the activities of members of the Teamsters' union who are serving in the armed forces, all other kinds of news, poems, gossip, jokes, and suggestions for editorials. If you wish, you may send your news contributions directly to the editor, 28 West North St., Indianapolis.

Teamster Stops Insults to U. S. With 1 Punch

Brother Virgil Goodwin, 39-year-old member of Indianapolis Local No. 233, who served in Uncle Sam's Navy for 11 years, is not one who will stand idly by when someone tries to insult America or Great Britain.

While walking along an Indianapolis street, Brother Goodwin noticed a crowd listening to a man shouting, in broken English, uncomplimentary remarks about Americans and the British.

"I can lick the Americans and I can lick the British," the man kept repeating.

Brother Goodwin listened for a moment, and then went to a nearby street intersection and explained the situation to Sergeant Victor Moore of the Military Police Detachment at Fort Benjamin Harrison, asking, "Do I have to take that stuff?"

The sergeant didn't say either yes or no, so Brother Goodwin walked up to the shouter and swung from the ground, the blow landing squarely on the chin. That stopped the speech-making.

Police rushed to the scene and arrested the insult-hurler, who gave his name as Andrew Yarmitz, and said he came to the United States from Russia 27 years ago. Yarmitz carried no draft registration card. He was booked on vagrancy and disorderly conduct charges, and his activities are being investigated by the subversive activities squad of the police department.

NEW AND VIEWS FROM LOCAL 193

By FRANK M. FRIEL

THE NEXT GENERAL MEETING OF LOCAL NO. 193 WILL BE HELD AT 8 P. M., MONDAY, APRIL 19, AT THE HEADQUARTERS OF INDIANAPOLIS JOINT COUNCIL NO. 69.

Reports from Tom Eaton, former recording secretary of Local No. 193, who is stationed at Clearwater, Fla., are that he is moving up the ladder towards a successful army career. He recently was moved to Clearwater from St. Petersburg, Fla., where he said it was advisable to get up in the morning without rolling over. If you happened to roll over, you might crush a snake that had elected to be your bed partner for the night, he said. He expects and will welcome another move in the future.

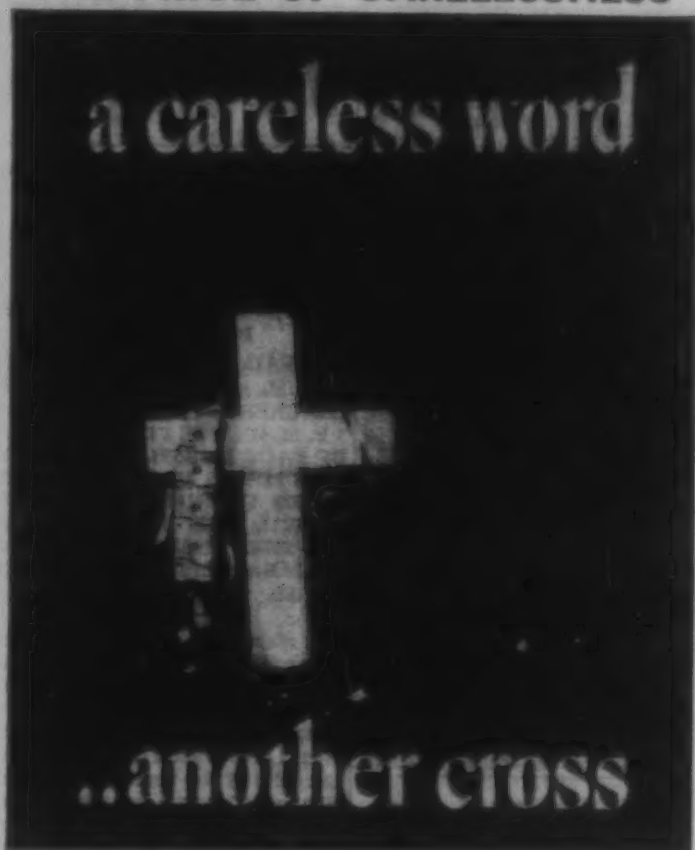
The manpower shortage in the Indianapolis area is becoming very acute. So it seems, anyhow. One must be careful in entering the main entrance of the headquarters of Joint Council No. 69 early in the morning. You may be mistaken by Brothers Crickmore, Houze and Orr for an extra man. Crickmore, with his club, meets you at the door, and tries to lead you into his office. If he misses, Houze will go after you with a long handled hook. And if you dodge the hook, you will fall into Orr's snare on the other side of the hall. After thinking it all over, we wonder if the extra men warrant the "consideration" they are shown.

Brother Houze decided to throw his rabbit's foot, horseshoe and other luck charms away after the Aero Mayflower contract had been approved by the War Labor Board, but after checking on the expiration dates of some of the local's contracts and looking over recent wage control regulations, he is looking around for something else that will bring him luck.

Three more members of Local No. 193 have returned from the armed forces and have returned to jobs which they formerly had with the Aero Mayflower Transit Company. They are Harold Hibern, James White and Jack Riney.

Seventeen pounds of kitchen fat saved will provide a pound and a half of glycerine, enough to fire 55 anti-tank shells.

THE PRICE OF CARELESSNESS



This OWI poster, prepared for general distribution, pictures graphically how war rumors spread by lively tongues end in tragedy. "Think Before You Talk," warns OWI.



By Al Lindahl

- Mar. 11—Back in the news with a few lines and what not about the doings at Drewry's.
- Mar. 12—Sorry to report that Albert Ulmer, our brewmaster, is confined to the hospital in Louisville, Ky. (Hurry along, Doc.)
- Mar. 13—Bill Hansen says that some day he will buy a pencil.
- Mar. 14—Seems that we can't get a Sunday off.
- Mar. 15—Quite a few brothers are getting their greetings from the President or Uncle Sam. Goodbye, "Babe" Dygalski.
- Mar. 16—Joe Kramer should show Jim Foky how the one-armed bandits work.
- Mar. 17—You guys had better be careful how you treat "Chet" LaPierre these days, as they are trying enough.
- Mar. 18—Mike Szerba finally cried his way back to the cellars (nice going, Mike.)
- Mar. 19—Vic DeClark is now on the shipping dock, a place he should have been a long time ago. "Good luck, Vic."
- Mar. 20—Eddie "Neefoo" Kaz and Jack "Moose" Mossman have worked out a good thing for themselves on the swing shift.
- Mar. 21—Bill "Cashier" Rath wishes that some of these guys wouldn't have so many excuses for advances as that is strictly out since the first of the year.
- Mar. 22—You fellows in the bottle shop had better place your orders for fresh vegetables and chickens with Bill Cleary and Gene Cavanaugh early.
- Mar. 23—Wonder how Mike Okiak is? As well as the whole gang on the 10 to 6.
- Mar. 24—Elmer "Moe" Wild will have to watch his step now that his big sister is in the payroll department.
- Mar. 25—Johnnie Riland and Aten Trobaugh are slated for a bus ride to Toledo on the 8th of April.
- Mar. 26—It is good to see Pasquale Artusi not hide from Bill Hansen any more.
- Mar. 27—Sorry, boys, the Rathskellar is closed.
- Mar. 28—Nino Zanotti and Aldo Gardini are getting together on that Mishawaka route and I bet that they work it out to a good advantage for Boss man Bruno Balestri.
- Mar. 29—Don Thomson, our assistant traffic manager, is one who received his call for April 18. We should have one more session before you leave, Don.
- Mar. 30—We have been receiving quite a few cards and letters from brothers all over the globe, and I intend to post addresses on the bulletin board in the near future for your convenience.
- Mar. 31—This appears to be one of the best months in the history of the brewery for the year, so thanks again for saying, "Make mine Drewry's."
- Apr. 1—George Popp thought that he had Walt Clevenger fooled, but no use. That racking room gang sure used a lot of grease.
- Apr. 2—Bill Riland is again able to sleep nights. Sure seems good to see him back in the shipping office.
- Apr. 3—The last day for yours truly for the next two weeks as I am vacation bound.
- Apr. 4—Saw our roving salesman, Dan Lassen, and he had a letter for me on some of the brothers down state.
- Apr. 5—Dan reports that Claude Sowars, William Favors, Lloyd Reynolds, Gene Clark, Clyde Nellens and Ray Qualkinbush are all good eggs at the Magic City Beverage Company in Muncie, Ind.; also that Willard is transferring to Uncle Sam's gang soon. This gang from the Independent Beverage Company of Anderson, Ind., are Jack Jones, Carol Wells, Bob Lytle, Wilbur Wise and Frank McCall, and Dan says they really shine around midnight.
- Apr. 6—No getting up this a.m.
See you around the 20th of the month, so let's all get in and put this Second War Loan Drive over in a hurry—Buy Bonds and Buy Bonds.

WLB Grants Wage Increases To 80 Capitol Dairies Workers

Wage hikes for approximately 80 employees of the Capitol Dairies of Indianapolis were granted recently by the War Labor Board in approving a contract between Local Union No. 188 and the dairies, Brother C. E. Davis, president of the local, has announced.

The pay increases, retroactive to last January 14, were as follows:

For inside employees—a \$4 per week blanket increase.

For wholesale drivers—a commission increase of one-half of one per cent, and a \$3 increase in the weekly wage guarantee.

For retail drivers—a two per cent commission increase, and a \$3 increase in the weekly wage guarantee.

The monthly income jump of the wholesale drivers will amount to between \$20 and \$25, and the retail drivers will make between \$25 and \$45 more each month.

The Capitol Dairies are a division of the Borden Milk Company.

WLB GIVES WAGE BOOST TO CREAMERY EMPLOYEES

MUNCIE, Ind.—The War Labor Board has granted a four per cent wage increase to employees of the Beatrice Creamery of Muncie, Brother D. E. Mahoney, secretary-treasurer of Local Union No. 369, has announced.

The WLB gave its approval to a contract signed by the local and the creamery.

In the Know With Kokomo

By O. B. CHAMBERS

LOCAL NO. 759 MEETS AT 8 P. M. ON THE FIRST SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH IN THE LABOR TEMPLE, 512 EAST SYCAMORE STREET, KOKOMO, IND.

A former member of our local, Corporal William C. Smith, who is stationed at Newport Air Base, Newport, Ark., dropped in our office the other day to say hello to everyone.

Five more of our members entered the service last month, raising the total number of members of Local Union No. 759 who are in the armed forces to 83. The five recently inducted are Vaughn D. Roberts, James Shirley, Frank Howard, Walter Hendricks and Robert DeWitt.

Joe Smith, a driver for the Kokomo Clean Towel and Linen Service, and formerly a member of the Iron Moulders, now is a member of Local Union No. 759. We urge all local members of organized labor to patronize Joe as he is the only union man who is selling such service here.

We have a new member among the Colonial Bread personnel. He is Brother Hawn. All members of organized labor should ask for Colonial as it is the only union made and delivered bread.

Local Union No. 759 has just finished signing up all of the 64 employees of the Armour Company at Rochester. We are preparing to open negotiations with the company for a contract covering the employees. This is one of the first of the creameries in this area in which 100 per cent of the employees have joined the Teamsters union.

Local No. 759 is affiliating with Teamsters Joint Council No. 69 of Indianapolis. We feel that this action will be of great help to our local and to the council. Our motto is, "In Union There Is Strength."

We are sponsoring Brother Bourne of the Electricians, who is president of the Kokomo Building Trades Council, as a candidate for teller of the Indiana State Federation of Labor. We of Local No. 759 feel that Brother Bourne will be of great help to the labor movement as a whole, and we also wish to

LOCAL 520 SIDELIGHTS

By STEVEN TOTH

LOCAL NO. 520 MEETS AT 8 P. M. ON THE SECOND AND FOURTH THURSDAYS OF EACH MONTH AT 4616 INDIANAPOLIS BOULEVARD, EAST CHICAGO, IND.

We of Local 520 are all proud of the record made by Brother Hal Borsit, Sr. He has just received an engraved watch from his employer, "The McKeown Transportation Company," in recognition of 10 years of safe driving. In other words, no accidents in 10 years. Oh boy, what a record, especially in this district where you have a steel mill on every corner and two in the middle of the block. Brother Borsit also has completed 22 years of service with the same firm. And we hope he lasts at least another 22 years. Brother Borsit also is recording secretary of Local 520. His two sons are withdrawal card members of our local. Good luck to you, old boy. (IVAN C. PLEASE COPY.)

I wonder where Ray Shellaburger of Lake Cities Concrete was going the other day when he was detained by a big bad man on a motorcycle. Brother Ray asked the officer if he was being arrested for speeding. "No," replied the officer. "I'm arresting you for flying too low."

Marie, our office girl, is recuperating fast, and is able to take a short walk daily. She expects to be back at work in a few weeks.

Brother Woodrow Wilson of Certified Concrete, took the high road while his truck took the low road as both he and the truck took a dip in Lake Michigan the other day. They tell me that he sailed through the air like the man on the flying trapeze. I suppose the concrete needed more water and that the truck needed a bath, and besides, there was a big derrick standing idle close by.

The County Bread Drivers Contract has been drawn up, and is about ready to be sent to the War Labor Board for approval.

I am urging all members of the Teamster movement to notify their local selective service boards if their status has changed since they filled out their last questionnaire. A common oversight is that a registrant will report that his wife is pregnant, and then will forget to notify his board about the birth of the child. Every Teamster should advise his board immediately if he has any children born before September 22, 1942, and not previously reported to the board. Such action will prevent a registrant from receiving a call for service earlier than his dependency status warrants. And it will save the selective service board members a lot of headaches.

The Red Cross war relief drive in our town went over the top with more than \$25,000 to the good.

The next big campaign here will be Community Chest drive, starting soon. I hope that all of you will contribute liberally. I represent the AF of L on the board of directors of the Community Chest. So dig, brother, dig.

have Kokomo represented among the officer personnel of the state federation.

LET'S ALL BUY BONDS AND PUT THE AXIS ON THE RUN.

Vincennes, Flora Employees Will Remember \$50 Losses

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contended that it could not surpass the 15 per cent limit set up in the "little steel formula" and then the Teamsters' union agreed to submit a flat 15 per cent increase to the union members retroactive to September 11, 1942.

Without a doubt the employees involved would have accepted this offer but for the interference of four or five CIO sympathizers who spread the lie throughout the plant that the CIO could break the "little steel formula" and get a 30 per cent increase.

Chaos Was Created

Unfortunately this false propaganda had the effect of creating chaos and dis-harmony, and at a regular meeting of the Teamsters' union the 15 per cent increase, retroactive to September 11, 1942, lost by a few votes. Then the most disgraceful thing of all happened—all of the agitation for a CIO union stopped, a CIO petition to the NLRB for an election was withdrawn, and the employees of the Tip Top Creamery were robbed of approximately \$50.00 apiece in back pay. Immediately the Teamsters' union started negotiations anew in an effort to get a much needed raise.

Again the company offered a flat 15 per cent increase in line with the "little steel formula," but with no retroactive date. This time the union turned the offer down, but with the stipulation that John R. Steelman send in an arbitrator to decide the issue. Arbitrator William Mack of New York heard the case and awarded the Tip Top Creamery employees a flat 15 per cent increase during the early days of January, 1943. In view of the fact that this award had to be approved by the War Labor Board, the Teamsters' union and the employers agreed that when and if the WLB approved the award, same would be retroactive to January 1, 1943.

CIO Barged In Again

It took the WLB three months to hand down its approval with the result that on the first pay day in April, every employee of Tip Top Creamery received a check for approximately \$40.00 in back pay. Oh! And lest we forget, the phony sympathizers of the CIO had the gall to again barge in and try to upset this second set of negotiations and thus rob every employee of Tip Top Creamery not only of his or her check for back pay, but also the permanent increase now in effect under the new agreement.

Fortunately the employees of Tip Top Creamery now know that these CIO agitators actually robbed them of four months back pay or about \$50 each they all could have and would have received from September 11, 1942, to January 1, 1943, if it were not for the disruptive activities of these false prophets of the CIO.

In spite of all of this, these CIO radicals are now loose in Vincennes buying beer for a handful of Tip Top Creamery

employees (but not \$50 apiece worth) and still telling them the same old lie. Yes, although President William Green, Phil Murray, Whitney and John L. Lewis have thus far failed to amend the "little steel formula," and in spite of the brand new order of the President of the United States, these CIO agitators are still telling the employees of Tip Top Creamery that they will bust the "little steel formula" wide open if only they can win the coming NLRB election.

Danger of "Flirting" Seen

Luckily the employees of the Tip Top Creamery are not being taken in, because they have a deplorable sample right in Vincennes of what can happen to them if they listen to CIO lies. As everyone in Vincennes knows, the CIO promised to work wonders if it could take over the local shoe factory. Unfortunately they succeeded with most disastrous results to the poor shoe workers. Now, in this shoe factory, the workers are split four ways—some are for an independent union, some want District 50, others want to go back to the AFL, and, most pitiful of all, others want no union at all. From this the employees of Tip Top Creamery can readily see what will happen to them if they flirt with the CIO.

One other point, most important of all, has not escaped the loyal members of the Teamsters Union working at Tip Top Creamery. The company has contended that it does not care who the collective bargaining agent may be, but insists that the only "appropriate bargaining unit" it can recognize must comprise its main plant and all of its eleven branches. The CIO contends that the appropriate unit is the main plant and only one of its branches. The NLRB is supporting the CIO in this, and the company has notified both the CIO and the NLRB that it will fight this issue right up to the United States Supreme Court. If this develops—and, thank God, it won't—the poor employees of the Tip Top Creamery will be left holding the bag for the next two and possibly five years.

At this writing, a definite date for the election at the Vincennes and Flora plants of the Tip Top Creamery has not been set. When it is set, Teamsters Local No. 417 at Vincennes will notify all of the employees in these two plants, confident that with the above facts before them they will vote to remain loyal supporters of Local No. 417 and the International Brotherhood of Teamsters.

TRUCKS HELD IN RESERVE

The nation's reserve pool of new trucks, including those held for the Army, Navy, Maritime Commission, and other government agencies, totaled 83,328 on March 9, one year after the motor vehicle rationing system went into effect. R. L. Vaniman, director of the War Production Board's automotive division, has announced. Of the total, 30,150 are held for government use, and 53,178 are available for civilian rationing.

FAIR HANDS



—Picture released by WPS Labor Press Unit.

Many a fair one is doing her share to "Keep 'em Flying." This pretty lass, pictured above in an official U. S. Navy photograph, runs a drill press at a Naval Air Station.

LOCAL UNION 188 WINS PAY JUMPS FOR BOND DRIVERS

Local Union No. 188 has signed a new agreement with the Bond Baking Company of Indianapolis, obtaining pay increases and shorter working hours for 49 retail drivers and eight wholesale drivers. The agreement is subject to War Labor Board approval.

Under the agreement, the retail drivers will receive a commission hike of one per cent for all collections in excess of \$140 each week, and an increase from \$28 to \$32 in their weekly wage guarantee. The wholesale drivers will get a \$1 increase in the weekly wage guarantee, and a one per cent jump in commissions.

The local was represented in negotiations by Brothers C. E. Davis, president, and C. R. Kinnaman, vice-president and business agent.

TEAMSTER TIPS FROM 364

By GEORGE B. CAMPBELL

President Walter E. Briggs went to Washington, D. C., on April 5 in connection with some War Labor Board cases, and appeared before the regional board in Chicago later that week. He is in there pitching to get any and all appeals for wage increases approved if possible.

Business Representative Snyder of Goshen and Elkhart, whose territory has been increased, is kept busy these days all the way from Sturgis, Mich., to Warsaw, Ind.

Business Representative Hansen reports that the Pepsi Cola Bottling Company has signed the new agreement which other comparable bottling companies previously signed. He says that a new contract is brewing at Drewry's Brewery. Details of the situation at Drewry's will be reported in the next issue of The Indiana Teamster.

The War Labor Board has approved a wage increase for employees of Wheelock's store. The increase is retroactive to Jan. 1.

Mel Atkins, international representative of the Laundry Workers, who has been doing a lot of punching in this city lately, announces the signing of a closed shop agreement with the Joe Ziker Dry Cleaning Company. The agreement covers both the plant and the chain of drop-off stores. Increases in wages and better working conditions are provided for in the agreement. Mel and his staff are now working on Aristo Dry Cleaners.

Business Representative Murrin reports that the WLB also has approved a wage increase for employees of the City Ice Company of South Bend.

Aero Mayflower Employees Win \$180,752 Boost in Pay

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NEW REPORTS FROM LOCAL NO. 188.

By C. E. DAVIS

BREAD DIVISION MEETS AT 4 P. M., AND CAKE, PIE AND CRACKERS DIVISION MEETS AT 7 P. M. ON THE FIRST TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH. DAIRY DIVISION MEETS AT 7 P. M. ON THE THIRD WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH. ALL MEETINGS ARE AT THE HEADQUARTERS OF INDIANAPOLIS JOINT COUNCIL NO. 69.

A dispute which arose between Local 188 and the Polk Milk Company over suggestions for a contract covering employees of the company has been referred to the War Labor Board by Frank McLaughlin of the United States Conciliation Department. The company refused to grant union security, the check-off system, an increase in wages, a two-week vacation with pay, continuance of the company's bonus plan, and free company products to the employees.

The dispute between Local No. 188 and the Weber Milk Company over suggestion provisions of a new contract has been certified to the War Labor Board by the Secretary of Labor.

Mrs. Michael Worthall, wife of the recording secretary of Local No. 188, is critically ill in Methodist Hospital. Brother Worthall, who was seriously ill for several days, has recovered.

Brother Loyd Evans, a member of Local No. 188, who was ill for some time and was a patient in Methodist Hospital, has recovered and is back at work as a salesman for the West Baking Company.

A recent regular monthly meeting of Bedford salesdrivers of the Grocers Baking Company of Bedford was attended by several salesdrivers from Bloomington.

tinually for as long as six months at a time. Under such conditions, the local pointed out, the expenses of the drivers, including usually the cost of maintaining a home for the families, are unusually high.

Retroactive to January 9

The awarding by the Trucking Commission of wage increases and road expenses was retroactive to January 9. Of the 228 drivers, 132 received pay hikes of \$3 a week, and the balance were given increases of \$2 a week. All drivers, regardless of their length of service with the company, were granted road expenses of \$1.50 a day.

The Trucking Commission hesitated for several weeks before finally handing down the decision. Leaders and members of Local No. 193 sensed a possibility that members of the commission might be divided in their opinions on whether the road expenses should be granted, and that those opposed to meeting the local's request might be attempting to stall the local along with a view to eventually supporting the stand taken by the company.

Leaders of Local No. 193 asked the International Brotherhood of Teamsters for help. Thomas E. Flynn, the executive assistant to General President Daniel J. Tobin, went into action. He contacted Washington many times in efforts to get a quick settlement of the dispute. With the cooperation of Frank R. Tobin, research director of the Teamsters' International, and labor's representative on the Trucking Commission, the efforts were successful.

Jaqua Firm Decides to Comply With Over-the-Road Agreement

MUNCIE, Ind.—Shortly after a recent special meeting of members of Local Union No. 369, who are employed by the Jaqua Trucking Company as glass haulers, the company agreed to comply with provisions of the over-the-road area agreement that was reached last June.

Company officials, who for nearly a year had said that the company would not abide by the agreement, say they would meet with officers of the local to determine how much back pay each of the drivers will receive.

The local, meanwhile, is pressing forward its efforts to get four or five other glass-hauling firms to comply with the area agreement. Brother D. E. Mahoney, secretary-treasurer of the local, said.

Richmond Local 691 Says Hello

By WAYNE STINSON

DRIVERS OF LOCAL 691 MEET AT 9:30 A. M. ON THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH IN THE EAGLES ANNEX, SOUTH 7TH STREET, RICHMOND, IND.

Local No. 691 has signed a new contract with the seven Richmond city terminals, obtaining a 18 per cent increase in wages for all employees. The contract is subject to War Labor Board approval. The terminals include those of the C. & J. Transfer, the I. R. C. & D., the Commercial Motor Freight, Motor Distributing Corporation, Richmond Motor Freight, Tibbs Transfer, and the McMinn Trucking Company.

Robert Hampton of Local No. 691 has been home from Camp Wallace, Texas, while on a 15-day furlough.

A total of 42 members of Local No. 691 are serving in the armed forces, and more are awaiting induction.

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